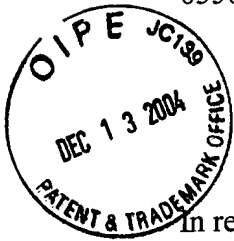


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, to and including December 11, 2004. A check in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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